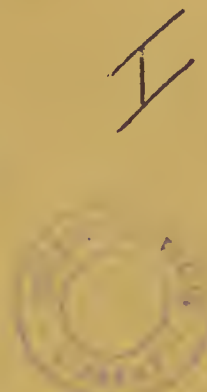


Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council



Annual Reports

of the

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

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BEDWAS AND MACHEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

YEAR 1963.

ChairmanCouncillor G. Phillips.

Vice-ChairmanCouncillor L. Vaughan.

MEMBERS :-

Councillor Mrs. S.J. Graham.	Councillor A.E. Gameson
" G. Reed.	" H. Gibbon.
" F. Phipps.	" W.C. Barnes.
" F.C. Dudden.	" H. Ludlow.
" S.G. Lewis.	" C. Williams.
" G. Beeston, M.B.E. J.P., M.A.	
" G. Evans.	Councillor E.V. Matthews.
" W.H. Perrin.	

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OFFICERS :-

Clerk of the CouncilR.W.P. Humphreys, A.C.I.S.
Medical Officer of HealthK.P. Giles, M.B.; CH.B.,
D.P.H.
Engineer and Surveyor.....R.F. Ruttlely.
Chief Financial OfficerD.N. Lewis, A.C.I.S.
Public Health InspectorH.R. Sulway, M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Insp.....I. Jones, M.A.P.H.I.
Bankers,.....Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Council Offices,

Bedwas, Mon.

November, 1964.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending
the 31st. December, 1963.

STATISTICS RELATING TO THE URBAN DISTRICT

Approximate area of the district	.....	6,200 acres.
Population (Census 1961)	.....	10,230
Population (Estimated mid-June 1963)	.....	10,380
Rateable value (1963)	.....	£192,168
Rate in the £ levied 1963	.....	11s. 6d.
Product of the Penny Rate	.....	£ 258

Population figures are still on the increase and again I must stress the importance of the building of houses by the Council to rent, as private builders are concentrating on building houses for sale thus placing the responsibility on the local authority to provide houses for the people who cannot afford to purchase their dwellings.

As in my last Annual Report, I must draw the attention of the Council to the provision of houses, other than two bedroom flats, in order to prevent overcrowding as families increase in size and require accommodation separate for the sexes.

BIRTH RATE.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	105	110	215
Illegitimate.	6	2	8
<u>TOTAL.</u> -	111	112	223

BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND OF THE POPULATION.

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.	21.48
County of Monmouth	18.94

STILL BIRTHS.

The total number of still-births during the year were:-

2 Male and 2 Female.

STILL-BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILL-BIRTHS:-

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.	17.62
County of Monmouth	23.42

INFANT MORTALITY.

The Total Number of deaths of children under 1 year of age

2 Males and 3 Females.

<u>Age Group.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Under 1 week of age.	1	1
" 4 weeks of age.	1	1
Over 4 weeks of age.	-	1
Total -	2	3

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS:-

Bedwas and Machen U.D.C.	22.4
County of Monmouth	25.57.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Number of Maternal Deaths NIL.

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total
Cancer (Stomach)	-	2	2
Cancer (Lung)	2	1	3
Cancer (Breast)	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	2	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	6	14
Coronary disease, angina	17	7	24
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other Heart disease	5	7	12
Other circulatory disease	2	-	2
Pneumonia	3	3	6
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum..	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	3	9
Diabetes.	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	6	-	6
Accidents	5	1	6
<u>TOTAL</u> -	68	38	106

DEATH RATE PER DEATH RATE PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION.

Bedwas and Machen U.D.10.21.
County of Monmouth13.67.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

This year's infectious diseases notifications which were sent in by the local practitioners and institutions have greatly increased as compared with the 1962 figures. The total number of notifications were 177.

The cases notified and classified in Ward Incidence are as follows:-

Ward.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Tuberculosis.	Dysentery
Maesycwmmner.	27	0	0	0
Bedwas.	54	2	2	1
Trethomas.	85	0	0	0
Machen.	4	0	2	0
<u>TOTAL</u> -	170	2	4	1

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from tuberculosis notified during the year and the new cases received were in the following age groups:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
5 - 25 Years.	0	3
Over 35 Years	0	1

The total of 4 cases reported were of the Pulmonary tuberculosis type.

The continued low figures of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the district are a source of satisfaction as in 1951, 12 cases of the disease were notified and 5 deaths were recorded.

HOUSING.

The provision of Council-owned houses for the people who are anxiously waiting for accommodation continues steadily but the list of applications for houses seems to be added to daily.

The new dwellings provided during the year and occupied on the 31st of December are as follows:-

Council-owned houses 53

Privately-owned houses 4

A comparison with the 1962 building programme shows that the provision of local authority houses has been decreased, but only by seven houses.

The number of separate dwellings owned by the local authority and tenanted on the 31st December is as follows:-

Temporary (aluminium bungalows) 15

Permanent 1,194

TOTAL 1,209

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Applications for Improvement Grants were received during the year and again wholly from owner-occupied houses. Owners of tenanted houses seem loth to avail themselves of the grants to provide the amenities to improve the living conditions of tenanted houses.

In these days a bath, hot water supply, etc., should be an essential amenity in every house where it is possible to install them, whether or not the house is owner-occupied.

The following is the number and cost of the Grants made with a comparison for the year 1962.

STANDARD GRANTS.

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Number of Standard Improvement Grants.	16	15
Amount of Standard Improvement Grants.	£ 1,540	£ 1,934
Number of Discretionary Grants.	2	4
Amount of Discretionary Grants.	£ 586	£ 1,308

IMPROVEMENT LOANS.

Number of Improvement Loans.	2	1
Amount of Improvement Loans.	£ 729	£ 155

I am,

Your obedient servant,

K.P. GILES,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT,

Council Offices,

Bedwas, Mon.

November, 1964.

To :-

The Chairman and Members of the
Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year
ended 31st December, 1963.

NOTICES SERVED.

1963

1. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Sections 92 & 93)
(Abatement of Nuisances: Repairs to
Properties)

Preliminary Notices and Letters.	.....	202
Abatement Notice.	.....	2
2. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 269)
(Moveable Dwellings)

Preliminary Notices and Letters	3
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3. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 44)
(Closet Accommodation)

Preliminary Notices and Letters	2
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4. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961 (Section 34)
(Accumulation of Rubbish)

Preliminary Notices and Letters.	22
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HOUSING.

As in my 1962 Annual Report, I again re-iterate the comments made as to the reluctance on the part of owners of private properties which are tenanted, to avail themselves of the Improvement Grants and bring dwellings which are suitable for improvement up to a standard at least equal to Council owned properties. All applicants for Improvement Grants were owner-occupiers and although I have used my persuasive powers to try to point out the advantages to owners of tenanted houses there has been no response.

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

No action was taken during the year with regard to Clearance Areas

Houses Demolished (Not in Clearance Areas)	1
Houses still standing and subject to Demolition or Closing Orders.	13
Number of above houses still occupied	4
Number of Houses dealt with other than in Clearance Areas.	NIL

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

After informal action by Local Authority	61
After formal notice under Public Health Act, 1. ...	NIL

RENT ACT, 1957.

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

Inspections were made of the houses on the cessation and exchange of tenancies in company with a member of the Engineer's department.

Number of visits and re-visits made64

The usual visits were made to houses at intervals to ascertain the cleanliness of the premises.

Number of visits and re-visits for this purpose.....26

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The total notifications of infectious diseases received during the year were 177 cases and no case of food poisoning was received.

The usual disinfectants were supplied, where necessary, to the homes of the patients for the further prevention of the spread of infection.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Bedwas and Machen Council is a constituent member of the Rhymney Valley Water Board and with the exception of a few premises, such as farms in the outlying areas, all dwellings receive a satisfactory and ample water supply, from the public main.

Number of samples taken from the public supplies was 18 and all were satisfactory.

Samples taken of other water numbered 4 which were satisfactory.

DRAINS AND SEWERS.

Surface water drains are discharged into the River Rhymney which river, is the boundary of the Western side of the district.

No gross pollution of the river is caused by any effluent of industry from the Bedwas and Machen area.

Soil drains and sewers are discharged into the main trunk sewer controlled by the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Board of which the Bedwas and Machen Urban District Council is a constituent member.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

Daily recordings of smoke pollution have been taken and the results have been submitted to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research at the end of every month.

The number of stations in this area is two, one at Bedwas School Canteen and one at Tynywern Schools, Trethomas.

Each station has been visited daily, and apart from electrical breakdowns, smoke stains have been collected and dispatched for reading by reflectometer to the County Council.

I wish to record my thanks to the County Public Health Inspector for carrying out the readings of the smoke stains submitted to him.

The Council is also a participant in the County Radio Active Fall-out Supervision Scheme whereby samples of air, drinking water rainwater, sewage effluent and bulked milk supplies, are regularly taken and submitted for analysis to ascertain their radio activity.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A weekly collection of household refuse is carried out during the year and the continued provision of uniform dustbins to each dwelling has eased the work of the dustmen considerably and also prevented the unsightly appearance of the streets and lanes on the days of collection. However the problem of the disposal of refuse is becoming acute and fresh avenues will have to be explored for the hygienic and most economic disposal of the refuse.

Having regard to the present method of uncontrolled tipping at the Fountain Bridge Tip and the Council's proposed development of a considerable housing site in close proximity, it is more than likely that nuisances will arise from the fumes of refuse and its infestation of rats and other insects, and thereby affect the tenants of the proposed housing site.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

Number of shops in which assistants employed	9
Number of other food shops.	33
Number of cafes	4
Number of fish frying shops.....	3

FOOD SHOPS REGISTERED UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

(a) Manufacture of Sausages and Cooked Meats	8
(b) Sale of Ice-cream	28
(c) Sale and Manufacture of Ice-cream	1

Constant supervision is maintained over the premises where foodstuffs are stored, manufactured or sold and advice on any problem which may arise is freely offered with regard to the compliance of the persons concerned with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

SUMMARY OF FOODSTUFFS SURRENDERED & CONDEMNED.

	<u>Number.</u>
Cans of various fruits and vegetables	183
Canned Meats	22
Canned fish and pastes	16
Canned Soups	12
Bacon and Ham trimmings	62 lbs.
Sausages and Meat pies.	NIL

CAFES, CANTEENS AND LICENSED PREMISES.

Visits were made to all the cafes, canteens and licensed premises in the area and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness and hygiene continues to be maintained.

HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS.

There are twelve registered hairdressing establishments in the district which on inspections have maintained a satisfactory state of cleanliness etc., according to the Nyelaws governing this profession.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are three privately owned slaughtering establishments in the district.

In the largest slaughterhouse your Additional Public Health Inspector is employed full time on meat inspection and in the remaining two smaller premises, the meat inspection is carried out by myself.

As there is no Regulation whereby the times and days of slaughtering are controlled by the local authority the inspection of the carcasses are carried out on Sundays and on many occasions after office times during the week in order to ensure a one hundred per cent meat inspection.

Difficulties have arisen when holidays and sickness have to be catered for and occasionally help is given by neighbouring authorities for which I take this occasion to thank them.

It is envisaged when new Meat Inspection Regulations are made that all meat inspected must be stamped by the meat inspector before removal from the place of slaughter and provision will have to be made for deputising your meat inspectors on occasions as outlined above.

Statistics relating to the slaughtering and inspection of animals for human consumption at the three establishments in the district are as follows:-

FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1963 TO 30TH MARCH, 1964.

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Total Units
Number slaughtered.	3,237	72	7,512	20,668	31,489
Number inspected.	3,237	72	7,512	20,668	31,489

CARCASSES CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART
affected with disease or condition other than Tuberculosis

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep
Whole carcasses condemned.	NIL	NIL	8	8
Carcasses of which part or organ condemned.	1,060	NIL	402	580
Percentage affected.	32.07	NIL	5.03	2.07

CARCASES AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs.	Sheep
Whole carcasses condemned.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses of which part or organ condemned.	NIL	NIL	172	NIL
Percentage affected.	NIL	NIL	2.03	NIL

Cystercercosis.

2 carcasses of beef were affected with cystercercosis: none were generalised and the affected carcasses were submitted for cold storage treatment.

Percentage affected0.06

An approximate total of meat and edible offals condemned during the year amounted to 10tons. 6cwts.

PEST CONTROL AND RODENT INFESTATION.

The authority employs one Rodent Operator who is fully occupied with the inspections of the different premises and farms in the district.

Two sewer maintenance treatments were carried out during the year treatments of the river banks in the built up areas were again carried out.

Special attention is paid to the inspection and treatment of the refuse tips and other potential reservoirs of rats.

The following is a brief summary of the work carried out during the year:-

PEST CONTROL AND RODENT INFESTATION.

	(1) Local Author- ity.	(2) Dwell- ing Hses.	(3) Other Premises	(4) Total of 1, 2 & 3	(5) Agri- cultural
No. of properties in district.	8	2,962	277	3,247	42
Properties inspected as result of Notification.	1	38	4	43	NIL
No. of properties found infested by:-					
Rats - Major.	1	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
" - Minor.	NIL	24	NIL	24	NIL
Mice - Major.	NIL	1	2	3	NIL
" - Minor.	NIL	12	NIL	12	NIL
Properties inspected in course of survey under the Act.	8	2,232	142	2,382	32
Properties found infested by:-					
Rats - Major.	2	1	NIL	3	NIL
" - Minor.	1	74	NIL	74	5
Mice - Major.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
" - Minor.	NIL	28	6	34	NIL
Other properties Found Infested.					
Rats (Major)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(Minor)	NIL	4	NIL	4	NIL
Mice (Major)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(Minor)	NIL	8	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total inspections carried out.	18	538	26	782	36
Infested properties treated by L.A.	3	152	8	163	NIL
Total treatments carried out including re-treatment.	6	312	18	336	NIL

No action taken under Section 4 of the Act.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

The usual visits were made to the premises and workplaces in accordance with the provisions laid down in the factories Acts.

There are no large and extensive factories in the district apart from the British Benzol Coal Distillation Plant situated in the Trethomas Ward.

Again I wish to record my thanks to my colleagues in the office for supplying information recorded in this report.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H.R. SULWAY,

Public Health Inspector.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to Health
(Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises.	No. of Regis- ter.	No. of Inspect- ions.	Written Notices.
Factories in which Section 1,2,4, and 6 are enforced by local authority.	8	14	3
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority.	4	6	1
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority.	6	8	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars.	Defects found.	Defects Remedied.
Section 1 - Cleanliness.	NIL	NIL
Sections 5 and 7 Lighting and Provision of Sanitary accommodation.	3	3

There are no Outworkers in the District.

